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Cas No. 4380US
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Russell G. Higuchi**) Group Art Unit: 1743

Serial No.: 08/968,208) Examiner: J. Snay

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For: **INSTRUMENT FOR**
MONITORING NUCLEIC ACID
AMPLIFICATION)

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment are:

- (1) a Request for Continued Examination;
- (2) an Information Disclosure Statement as required under 37 CFR § 1.114 (along with its accompanying Substitute Form PTO-1449A and copies of cited references); and
- (3) a Declaration by inventor Russel G. Higuchi under 37 CFR § 1.131 (Exhibit 1).

Amendments to the claims, as reflected in the Listing of Claims, begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

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